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MORE CHRISTMAS 2004 ISSUES:

In this issue, I have shown the remaining Christmas 2004 flats and rounds sent to me. Included is any information provided to me for obtaining the wood. I have put the issuers address beside the wood if members wish to contact them. As before, a SASE would be appropriate. Many thanks to all those who sent their woods or photo copies to me.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

The end of year 2004 marked the completion of 30 years (complete calendar years) of existence for the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC). It would seem fitting, therefore, since CAWMC, in the year 2005, begins its 31st year of existence that some recognition of this 30th year anniversary of this Association, be made. Whether that will take place at this summer's annual CAWMC general meeting in Calgary at the C.N.A. annual convention, I do not know, at this time. We will have to wait and see.

Back in January 1985, the then editor of 'Timber Talk', the CAWMC newsletter, Garry Braunwarth put together a special edition, which included some of the history of the first ten years of the Association. It made for some interesting reading for me, as the current editor of this newsletter, for I wasn't an involved, integral part of the 'wooden money', collecting scene for those first 10 to 15 years. Having been much more involved for the last fifteen years, I have picked up bits and pieces of our Association's history from talking to various people but certainly lack the first hand experiences and happenings of those early years.

I have no intention of putting together *a booklet or special issue* of our past history. Maybe someone out there, assisted by people involved in those early years, would come forward to do so. I'm sure it would be well received by our current membership.

As I have voiced several times in the past, material to put into 'Timber Talk' is often very scarce. Many months, I'm faced with the dilemma of whether to put out an issue for that month or not. When I took on this task, I was told the newsletter was to be a minimum of six pages and maximum of eight pages (printed back to front, therefore three or four sheets). Anything more than four sheets plus a 'free wood' would shoot the postal costs up into the next highest cost category, which is still true. The six page minimum rule will have to change simply because of *lack of material*. If I have material for 2 pages or 4 pages (one or two sheets), I guess I'll go with it until informed otherwise. Maybe we should be going with a newsletter only once every two months. This is an issue to be resolved.

In the meantime, *what do we do about a 30 year anniversary?*

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PAST PRESIDENTS:

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

Victor Hall – 1977-1979

Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

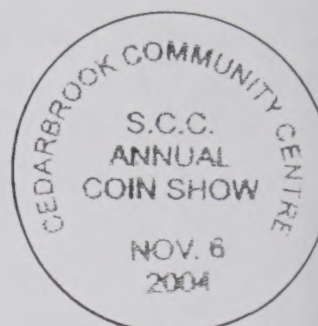
Earl Salterio – 2001-2003

SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB ISSUES TWO 'WOODS':

The *Scarborough Coin Club* (S.C.C.) issued these two woods last fall 2004. There were 150 issued of the **29th anniversary wood**, which is blue both sides. The **November 6, 2004, 8th annual Show wood** which is red both sides saw 100 made. The Show woods were made available for purchase at their very successful show at which approximately 150 people attended. Giveaways were provided by the Royal Canadian Mint and the Canadian Coin News. Woods, foreign coins and books were given as prizes from draw tickets every half hour. These woods are available for \$.50 each plus a SASE from S.C.C. P.O. Box 562 Pickering ON Can., L1V 2R7. Many thanks to CAWMC member **David Bawcutt** who always keeps me apprised of this club's happenings.



Common
Obverse

**CAWMC OFFICERS**

President: NORM BELSTEN
 Vice-President: DAVE GILLESPIE
 Secretary-Treasurer and Membership Chairman: AL MUNRO
 Past-President and Chairman of the Board of Governors: EARL SALTERIO
 Elected Members of the Board of Governors: BOB BROWN, RUSSELL BROWN, WAYNE GILLCASH, LOU VESH, JAMES WILLISTON.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Editor: ROSS KINGDON
 Fund Raiser: LOU VESH
 Auction Coordinator: AL MUNRO

DUES: Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors are:

Canadian Residents: \$10.00 Canadian Funds
 United States Residents: \$10.00 U.S. Funds
 International Members Rate (outside of Canada and U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds
 Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00

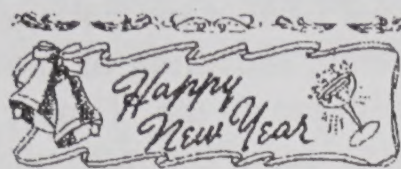
Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH:

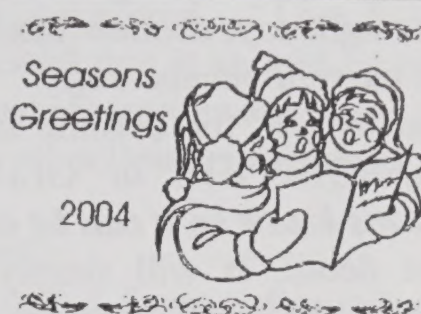
This month's free wood was sent to me by Edward MacPherson and Thomson Taylor of Sydney, Nova Scotia. It is their year 2004 Christmas wood made by Norm Belsten. The 'bear' side is red and the name side is green. Information on this wood is in last month's newsletter on page 4.

Thanks for this donation Edward and Thomson.

REMAINING CHRISTMAS WOODS YEAR 2004:



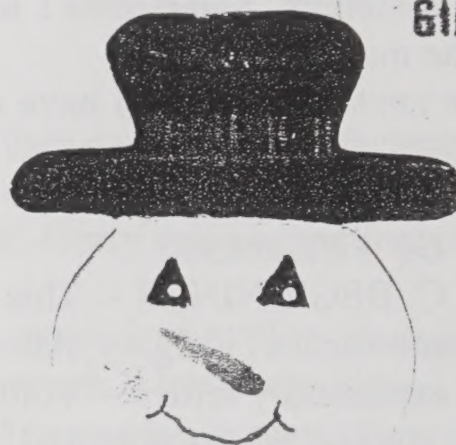
JEN & TED BOXALL
RICHMOND HILL, ONT.



Ted & Jen Boxall
125 Pugsley Ave.
#320 Richmond Hill,
ON, L4C 8W5
-carolers (multi, red)
-Happy New Year
side (multi, green)
-reduced size

CHRISTMAS-2004

DAVE & CAROLYN
GILLESPIE
5¢



Dave & Carolyn Gillespie
3 Old Oak Lane
Orangeville, ON
L9W 4B1
-snowman side (multi)
-script side (red)
-Dave's wife Carolyn did the
lovely painting of the
snowman

Best Wishes For
Health Happiness
And Prosperity
Throughout
The New Year

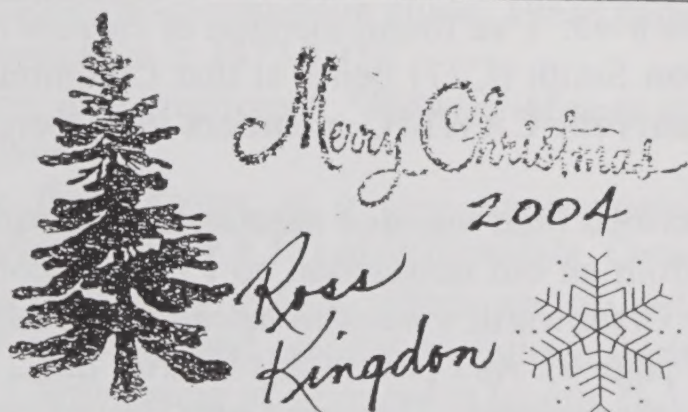
Russell & Judy
Brown
Richmond Hill, Ont.

Seasons
Greetings

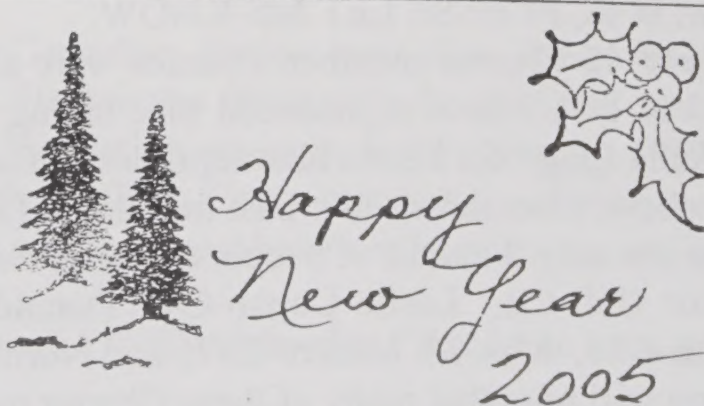


2004

Russell & Judy Brown
7 Cartier Cres.
Richmond Hill, ON
L4C 2M9
-tree side (green, red)
-script side (red, green)
-reduced size



Ross Kingdon
-multi/multi both sides
-will mail one to anyone who wishes one
-no SASE required - address and e-mail
on front page of newsletter



EDITOR'S COMMENTS:*-continued from page 1*

For the past three days (over the Christmas holiday period) I have been at my cottage, near Dorset, Ontario. I've done a lot of cross country skiing, snow shoeing, shoveling of snow and ice and sitting in front of a warm air-tight wood stove. I brought with me all the 'Timber Talk' newsletters from year 1975 to 1984 and began reading them jotting down bits and pieces of information as I went. This is my, one might say, shallow attempt to dig out some past history of this Association and put it out to our *current membership*.

Now, there are people out there who **KNOW** the definite facts and happenings of our past history, so if I indicate something in my "SNIPPETS" or "GLIMPSE", that is incorrect or lacks detail, then for heaven's sake ***please let me know so it can be corrected or given more detail.***

I have no intention of giving great detail. It will simply be 'Snippets' - which in the 'Canadian Oxford Dictionary' is defined as "a small fragment or bit" and a 'Glimpse' - which is defined as "cast a passing glance". I will be regurgitating 'stuff' that I have gleaned only from past newsletters. Sometimes I might try to summarize material, other times I might just reproduce the material.

So, for the next few issues, (I have no idea how many), there will be included, a page or two of the CAWMC past, as I interpret it.

SNIPPETS OF THE PAST:

C.A.W.M.C. BEGINNINGS - This Association was conceptualized in the later part of 1974 by Garry Braunwarth of Calgary, Alberta and Victor Hall of London, Ontario. At that time, two single page explanatory letters - Volume 0, Issue 0 (summer 1974) and Volume 0, Issue 1 (fall 1974), were mailed out to potential, interested members. These two single pages have been shown several times before in 'Timber Talk', so will not be reproduced again. (see pages 5 & 6 March 2000)

As I understand it, it was *in August of 1974 at a show in Columbus, Ohio* hosted by the then 10-year-old American equivalent of our CAWMC, the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors (I.O.W.M.C.), that our CAWMC really became an organization. Memberships (\$3.00 a year) were taken at that show and Charter members were accepted until Dec. 31st 1974. As it turned out, *45 members were deemed CHARTER members.* Norm Belsten our current President, was and is Charter member # 45. I've found mention of *current member* Garry Braunwarth (C1) and *current member* Don Smith (C27) being at that Columbus, Ohio meeting (show). I'm sure there must be **other current CAWMC members** who were at that show. If so, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

These 45 Charter member's names were all scribed onto ***wooden membership certificates*** - 8 1/2" X 11". I have reproduced this, taking it from an old newsletter, so I hope it comes out readable (page 6). I have also reproduced Garry Braunwarth's ***wooden attendance badge*** from that show, also shown in a past newsletter (also page 6). As I peruse this Charter list, I believe there are only **8** names of people on there, *currently members*. They are Garry Braunwarth -C1, Victor Hall-C2, Leslie Copan-C4, Donald Thibodeau-C26, Donald Smith-C27, Reginald Smith-C33, Mrs. M. Miners-C37, and Norm Belsten-C45.

You will note that many of these Charter members are from the U.S.A. *-continued on page 5*

SNIPPETS OF THE PAST -continued

I'm sure that is because memberships for the new CAWMC were solicited at that Columbus, Ohio meeting and many attending would, of course, be from the U.S.A.

THE "C.A.W.M.C." NAME:

Initially Garry Braunwarth suggested 'The Association of Canadian Wooden Money Collectors'. Victor Hall suggested that it should be our current 'The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors', which somewhat more appropriately suggests that the club was being organized in Canada for all collectors of Canadian 'wood'.

THE "TIMBER TALK" NAME:

This *newsletter* title also resulted from a discussion between Garry Braunwarth and Victor Hall. The combined effort, in the end, sees Garry responsible for the word 'Timber' and Victor for the word 'Talk'.

"CANADIAN" WOOD LISTINGS:

From reading these newsletters, it becomes obvious that, in the very early years, well before the formation of CAWMC, any comprehensive listing of Canadian woods was very difficult to come by. In the January 1985 special edition newsletter, Garry makes mention of *the very first listing of 'wood' as being-*

- "*A Guide To Wooden Money*" by *Emile Di Bella*, published in New York in 1958. In this 24 page book, 1/3rd of a page is devoted to Canadian woods. I have reproduced that 1/3rd page on page 6. Note that many of the woods listed are the 'broomstick' issues. Garry also mentions -
- *the "Guidebook of Wooden Money 6th Edition"* by *Tom Hudson* (Charter member #13), and a subsequent edition of the same guide co-authored by Tom Hudson and Wayne Dennis.

Mention is also made of -

- '*The Wooden Money & Tokens of Prince George, B.C.*' appearing in 1968 edited by Paul Siggers.

In 1972 "*Trade Tokens, Paper & Wooden Money of Saskatchewan*" by Cecil Tannahill was issued. I understand that Frank Harding (Charter member # 16) assisted, in some way, with this Saskatchewan eleven-page guide. These pages were reproduced in 'Timber Talk' over a number of newsletters in 1977-1978.

Garry also mentions a "*Wooden Money of Canada*" listing by Larry Gingras, but no details are given.

The first attempt, at a very comprehensive Canadian listing, was done by *John Curtis* (Charter member # 15) of Willowdale, Ontario. He was the '*pioneer*' who initiated a variation of the numbering system, which we use today. His listing attempts began prior to 1970, with many revisions and updates to follow, during the 1970's. Garry mentions a November 1977 John Curtis listing of 42 pages in length. (I, your editor, do not have nor have I seen any of John Curtis' listings.)

Next, come the *Norm Wells* (Charter member # 17) *Guidebooks*. I'll take a look at these issues in our next issue of 'Timber Talk'.

'SNIPPETS' OF THE PAST:

-reproduced images mentioned on previous pages

Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors

Organized - January 1, 1975



THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE CHARTER MEMBERS

Garry Braunwarth C-1	Rusty Bailey C-24
Victor B. Hall C-2	Bernice B. Fiedler C-25
George Parfet C-3	Donald J. Thibodeau C-26
Leslie D. Capon C-4	Donald J. Smith C-27
Norm Williams C-5	C. O. Y. Y. Club C-28
Harold Butler C-6	James L. Betton, Jr. C-29
Frank J. DeGilio C-7	J. Douglas Ferguson C-30
N. R. Mack C-8	Carolyn Hansen C-31
Clarence C. Kramer C-9	Tanino Wooden Money Society C-32
Steve Penzes C-10	Reginald R. Smith C-33
Alice Penzes C-11	Basil Latham C-34
Thomas W. King C-12	Ricky Morse C-35
Tom Hudson C-13	Don Stewart C-36
Earl O'Cothey C-14	Mrs. M. Miners C-37
John K. Curtis C-15	G. B. Davis C-38
Frank Harding C-16	Stanley M. Carling C-39
Norm Wells C-17	Gilvin A. (Corky) Ayers C-40
John M. Plasterer C-18	Don Cole C-41
Mary K. Plasterer C-19	Ernest Ruch C-42
Donna Streeter C-20	Gerald A. Hathaway C-43
Gelvin Leeper C-21	Robert S. Ross C-44
Laura Foust C-22	Norman R. Belsten C-45
Bruce Wall C-23	

Co-Founders - Garry Braunwarth and Vic Hall

wooden membership certificate
presented to all Charter members
-reduced in size

Canadian Wooden Money

CALGARY 1957 (R)	NIAGARA FALLS 1955 (R)	STRATFORD 1937
5¢ red \$.20	5¢ natural .35	5¢ black 1.50
GANANOQUE 1954 (R)	NORTH BAY 1955 (R)	10¢ green 1.50
5¢ natural wood .25	5¢ black	25¢ red 2.00
HALIFAX 1955 (R)	(Merlin Hotel) .15	
5¢ black	OAKVILLE 1957 (R)	TORONTO 1955 (R)
(Sanders Hotel) .15	5¢ natural .20	5¢ black (Canada
KITCHNER 1954 (R)	OWEN SOUND 1957 (R)	Coin Exchange) .15
5¢ natural .25	5¢ natural .30	VANCOUVER 1951 (R)
LINDSAY 1956 (R)	PARIS 1956	5¢ black 3" (Canadian
5¢ natural .20	25¢ blue (oblong	Congress of Labor) 1.50
LONDON 1955 (R)	plastic) .50	WATERLOO 1957 (R)
5¢ natural .25	PRESCOTT 1938 (R)	5¢ natural .30
NEWMARKET 1957 (R)	5¢ blue 1.00	WHITBY 1955 (R)
5¢ natural .30		5¢ natural .25

All round Canadian wooden nickels are 1" in diameter.

-the 1/3rd page listing of Canadian
woods from Emile De Bella's
'The Guide To Wooden Money'

Given
Out At The
I. O. W. M. C.
CONVENTION

In
Columbus, Ohio, USA
Aug. 2-3-4
1974

GARRY BRAUNWARTH
Box 17
Site 9, RR5
CALGARY,
ALBERTA
CANADA
Wooden Nickel Collector

this wood was distributed by
Garry Braunwarth to all
attending the Columbus, Ohio
1974 show

GARRY BRAUNWARTH

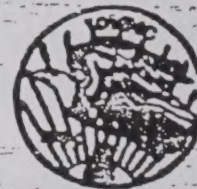
Garry Braunwarth's wooden
attendance badge from the Columbus,
Ohio 1974 show

CALGARY CANADA

6-15

I. O. W. M. C.

10th ANNIVERSARY



August 2, 3, & 4
1974

Columbus, Ohio